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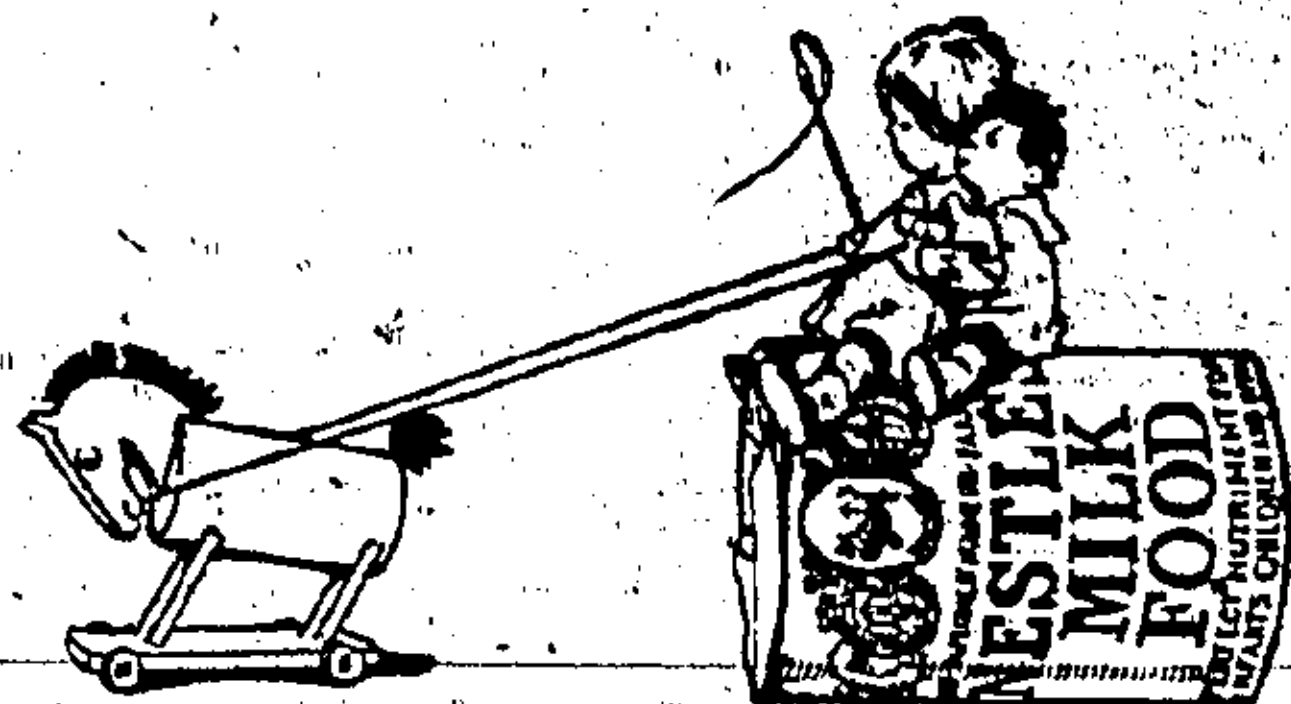
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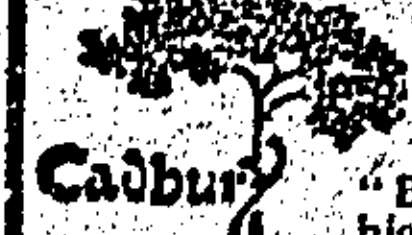
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THE FINANCIAL CRASH IN GER-
MANY: SOCIAL DANGERS IN
BERLIN.

Advice to Pacifists.

(By Col. F. N. Maude, C.B., late R.E.,
in the "Evening Standard.")

The official narrative by "Eye-Wit-
ness," evidently a different writer to the
one who began the campaign, brings the
history of events up to October 20, and
fully bears out the opinion I then ex-
pressed that the Germans have come to
the end of their trained resources—that
they have exhausted all classes liable to
service, who have passed through the
ranks, under forty-five years of age.
This means they have been driven to
fall back on the Landsturm, which for-
mation includes all men fit to bear arms
over seventeen years of age, for whom
no places have been found in the actual
organised army.

Of course, this Landsturm also in-
cludes all the men over forty-five years
of age who have completed their service;
but they have never been called out for
active duty, and at most do not
amount to more than one-third of the
total number.

These Landsturm men and boys, were
first reported as arriving in Belgium
about six weeks ago, and this means
that already in the middle of September
the Germans were more pressed for men
than at any time during the 1870 cam-
paign, when, except for duties on lines
of communication, only some four Divi-
sions—say 50,000 Landwehr—were ac-
tually employed in face of the enemy.
Indeed, though everyone knew, of course,
that this ultimate liability for service
existed legally for all able-bodied men
over seventeen years of age, I never yet
met a German who even considered it
as a tie at all. One and all went about
their affairs quite satisfied that once the
fact of Landwehr service was com-
pleted, he could dismiss all ideas of fur-
ther calls upon him from his mind.
Certainly, in arranging for their sons,
no one ever supposed they would be
required until after their twenty-first
birthdays. Nor have I ever met a Ger-
man officer who believed that more men
than the active army, and the whole of
the Landwehr would be required, even
in a war on the east and west frontiers
simultaneously. Generally, they ruled
out even the Landwehr over forty as too
old and slow for modern tactical methods.

What hope can there be for these
boys and veterans, in years if not in
service, in face of the task which the
lack of the Army has already failed to
perform? If the Germans were guided
in their fighting by military considera-
tions only, they would long since have
fallen back upon prepared positions, even
if the move had taken them right out
of Belgium. They would never have
attempted the rush to the sea, knowing,
as they knew, just as well as we did,
that the whole of the marshland up to
Dixmude was below high-water level;
but they have been caught in the net
of the consequences of their own mis-
takes, made at the outset of the cam-
paign, and are now compelled to squan-
der their resources like the Chinese, to
"save face."

I am convinced, and have been con-
vinced ever since the operations against
Nieuport began, that the Kaiser knows
that he is fighting for his throne. He
simply dare not order retreat, which
would disillusion the whole of his most
unfortunate people.

The internal condition of that un-
happy country is far more precarious
than people in England realised. The
Socialists are only scotched, not killed,
and though hypnotised momentarily—as
I always said they would be—by the
dream of military conquest, they will
recover their senses the moment the
coming commercial crash matures. Now,
since they form almost the bulk of the

male population of Germany outside of
that portion which has actually served
with the Colours, and has so far borne
the brunt of the terrible losses which have
been inflicted on them, their relative
numbers are now very materially higher
than they have ever been before.

I have alluded above to the coming
commercial crisis, and a word or two
of explanation may not be amiss.

The whole German idea of financing
war dates back to Frederick the Great's
"Instructions to his generals in case of
siege." I can only regret that it is im-
possible to reproduce this extraordinary
mixture of broken French and German
in which the original is couched. Quot-
ing from memory, they run somewhat
as follows:—

"When the enemy appears before
your town and threatens to invest it,
you will call together all the principal
citizens and merchants, and borrow from
all their cash—pointing out that
you will pay the money away in wages
to the soldiers and the civilians who
work on the fortifications, who will spend
the money in their shops, and so pre-
sently it will all be back in their tills
again. When, then, you find your ready
money running down, you will call from
together again and borrow the money
again; and so you will go on borrowing
the same money over and over again
until I come and relieve you and pay the
bill."

Now, in very simple language this
is precisely the same security which the
German Government is now offering for
its war loans; though its language is
more conventional and financially more
correct, the thought is the same. The
lenders will be repaid—when the King
comes to his own again, namely, out
of war indemnities to be wrung from the
conquered countries, and from England
particularly, when the Kaiser's armies are
victorious. If now the Kaiser's armies
are forced back on the Rhine, the know-
ledge of their utter failure can no longer
be concealed from the nation. The
whole bubble of German financial credit
will be pricked, and the ensuing smash
will be about the greatest the world has
ever known.

The increase of gold held by the Ger-
man banks, which I see is estimated at
30,000,000 sterling, is an absolute drop
in the ocean compared to their liabilities,
for there is scarcely a saleable security
in the whole kingdom. Generally, Ger-
man wealth is based on houses and land,
all heavily mortgaged. As no one can
pay any rent, no interest accrues to the
mortgagees, and they cannot distrain be-
cause no one has any cash to purchase
the holdings. Everyone who has intel-
ligently studied the fighting power of
Germany, as opposed to that of Great
Britain, has always been fully aware of
this best of Achilles, undefended by her
armour. But few of us dared to hope
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lishment of the "Kriegs Darlehen Kasse,"
which first disclosed the beginning of the
end. We shall still have much fighting
to carry through, but I do not anticipate
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BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE PROGRESS OF THE WAR.

A "NOVEL COMBAT" IN THE NORTH SEA.

CRUISERS, SUBMARINES AND AIRCRAFT IN ACTION.

LATEST NEWS FROM THE VARIOUS FRONTS.

A "NOVEL COMBAT" IN THE NORTH SEA.

LONDON, Dec. 27, 10.45 p.m.
The Admiralty announces that seven naval seaplanes, at daylight on Christmas Day, attacked the German warships lying in Schilling Roads, off Cuxhaven.

The seaplanes were escorted by a light cruiser and a Destroyer force with submarines.

Two German Zeppelins, four seaplanes and several submarines attacked the British Squadron, whereupon a novel combat ensued between the most modern cruisers against the enemy's aircraft and submarines.

(The rest of this telegram is not yet to hand.—Ed.)

BRITISH AVIATORS BUSY.

LONDON, Dec. 28, 1.05 a.m.
The "Lokal Anzeiger" states that four British airmen dropped bombs on the island of Langeoog on Christmas Day.

THE STRUGGLE IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM.

LONDON, Dec. 26, 1.33 a.m.
The Paris official evening communiqué states:—We have made a slight advance from Neuport. An attack by the enemy at Notre Dame-de-Lorette, north of Lens, was repulsed. We captured another trench this morning near Puisseleine and held the ground, notwithstanding several counter-attacks. The enemy last night made vigorous but unsuccessful attacks in the Vosges at Tete-de-Faux.

6.15 p.m.
To-day's Paris communiqué says:—There has been cannonading from the sea to Lys, but snow and fog interfered with the operations. We repulsed, between the Lys and the Oise, counter-attacks on Noulets-Bosselles, and Libons. One trench was lost and recaptured. We learn that a very strong German attack was repulsed at Chizy. Northwest of Soignies our artillery silenced batteries which were bombarding the trenches we recently captured. Two strong counter-attacks were repulsed on Thursday night.

There were fresh counter-attacks yesterday at Perthes. They were particularly violent along a front of 1,500 metres, being executed by important effective, but they were completely checked. There is nothing to report in the Arzonne, and between the Meuse and Moselle. We made appreciable progress in Upper Alsace, where we reached, in front of Cerroy, the edge of the woods on the hills westward of the town. We maintained our positions. We occupy the outskirts of Aspach despite counter-attacks.

LONDON, Dec. 27.
The Paris evening communiqué says there is nothing important to report from any part of the front.

HAVAS Telegram, Dec. 26, 6.50 a.m.
We maintained energetically the conquered ground, checking the enemy's artillery and repulsing all attacks and counter-attacks. We made progress in Upper Alsace, notably between Cernay.

A Zeppelin flew over Nancy and dropped fourteen bombs, killing two people and wounding two.

A German aeroplane attempting to fly over London was chased. Five German aeroplanes bombarded "Sokkhotof," killing eight and wounding hundreds of people.

Fierce fighting is in progress at Piliua. The battle south of the Vistula is favourable to the Russians. An Italian force has landed at Valona.

Another British submarine penetrated the Dardanelles and, after exploding mines and blocking up the entrance, returned safely.

(French Government Telegram via Peking.)

The 25th inst. was a calm day from the sea to the river Lys, and the Allies made some progress in the sand dunes. Elsewhere there was slight cannonading.

Between the Lys and the Oise the French troops repulsed several counter-attacks.

At Nouettes, near Lens, they destroyed two German armoured guns, and north of Albert and at Libons-trenches taken from the enemy were lost and re-taken.

At Vermeilles, between the Oise and the Aisne a German trench was captured. The Germans attacked at Nampool, but failed and were repulsed. At Vermeilles in the Aisne valley, the Germans made strenuous efforts to retake lost trenches but failed, and a similar effort in the Perthes region was also fruitless, the enemy sustaining very heavy losses.

In Upper Alsace the French army has made excellent progress, and now holds the heights overlooking Carspach, three kilometres west of Altkirch, and also the outskirts of Aspach and the wood situated west of Sennemeln-Cernay.

A HOSTILE AEROPLANE OVER SHEERNESS.

LONDON, Dec. 25, 11.45 p.m.
The War Office announces that a hostile aeroplane was sighted at 12.30 this afternoon flying very high, east to west, over Sheerness. Aircraft ascended in pursuit and engaged the enemy, who, after being hit three or four times, was driven off seawards.

THE ISLAND OF SAGHALIN.

LONDON, Dec. 26.
A Washington message states that the Japanese Embassy has received official advice that Russia has ceded to Japan its half of the island of Saghalin in return for heavy guns. The other half of the island was ceded to Japan at the end of the Russo-Japanese war.

THE REPORT OFFICIALLY DENIED.

PERNOGRAPH, via London, Dec. 27, 5.50 p.m.
The report of the cession of Russian Saghalin is officially and emphatically denied.

BY TELEGRAPH.

THE FIGHTING IN THE EASTERN THEATRE.

THE TSAR AT THE FRONT.

LONDON, Dec. 27, 10 p.m.
Reuter's Petrograd correspondent telegraphs that the Tsar has arrived at the front.

AUSTRIANS IN FULL RETREAT.

10,000 Prisoners.

Dec. 27, 10 p.m.
A Petrograd communiqué states that fighting has been mostly in the nature of artillery duels. In the Rawka-Buzza region the Germans attacked, but were successfully repelled.

We dislodged the enemy on the Lower Drina from the village of Visalia. The Austrians made an obstinate resistance, and endeavoured to entrench, but we drove them across the river. We also defeated and pushed back the Austrians from the line Tachow-Opilj, where the enemy abandoned ten quick firing guns, and we took 43 officers and over 2,500 men. We continued to pursue the Austrians, who fled in disorder, and captured eight more quick firing and a thousand men.

We occupied the left bank of the Biala near Siedlexka, and also defeated the Austrians on the Zimrod Dalka line on Christmas Day. The enemy were in full retreat during the battles here, the Austrians suffering enormous loss in casualties and 10,000 prisoners.

RUSSIAN DESTROYERS BOMBED TURKISH VILLAGES.

Russian destroyers in the Black Sea bombarded the coast, and villages south of Batoum where Turkish troops were concentrated. Four fully-laden feluccas were sunk.

RUSSIA'S GREAT VICTORIES.

(Official Telegrams from the British Foreign Office.)

The Russian Headquarters report that the operations yesterday were favourable to the Russians on all fronts. The most conspicuous success was on the rivers Nida and Dunajetz, and in the Carpathians. Between the lower Vistula and Pilzta, the Germans concentrated their efforts to cross Buzza and Rawka, with a view to advancing on Skoczimice. The Russian counter-attacks drove back the enemy across the river to their old positions, and inflicted enormous losses. In the region of Skoczimice alone 1,000 dead Germans were counted. The Russians made progress in the region of Opocz.

In Galicia, South of the Vistula, the Russians captured, on 20th and 21st, 66 officers and 3,600 men, 3 guns, and 10 machine-guns. In the Carpathians, during the retreat of the Austrians, the Russians captured a further 30 officers and 1,500 men.

Near Przemyśl a fresh attempt at a sortie by the Austrians was defeated. Advance guards of the enemy were annihilated.

RUSSIANS INFLICT CONSIDERABLE LOSSES.

LONDON, Dec. 26, 2.45 a.m.
A Petrograd official announcement states that there is no change to report on the whole front on the left bank of the Vistula and in Galicia. The Germans, on the 23rd inst. and all the next day, delivered attacks chiefly in the region of Sochaczew and Bohnow, but all were repulsed. Fighting continues on the bank of the Pilica. During the development of our offensive on the spurs of the Carpathians two regiments crossed the Jaszioka, wading to their waists in icy water, and under a murderous fire dislodged the Austrians from their positions with the bayonet, and captured 154 prisoners.

10.15 p.m.
A Petrograd communiqué says that the general position on the left bank of the Vistula shows no essential change. The fighting between the lower Vistula and the Pilzta was less desperate, except in the region adjacent to the Pilzta, where there was violent fighting day and night. The fighting with the Austrians in the lower Nida was of the same desperate character. We took 68 officers and 4,000 men in the fighting on Thursday. The whole of the front in Galicia is favourable to the Russian arms.

LONDON, Dec. 26, 6.15 p.m.
A Paris communiqué says:—The Russians have inflicted considerable losses on the enemy at Buzza, while the battles northward, although obstinately contested, are proceeding under conditions favourable to the Russians.

ENORMOUS NUMBER OF PRISONERS IN RUSSIA.

LONDON, Dec. 25, 8.35 p.m.
A Petrograd message states that the number of German prisoners in Russia on the 23rd inst. was 1,140 officers and 131,737 men. The Austrian prisoners in Russia total 2,180 officers and 221,447 men.

GERMANS DEFEATED AT BZURA.

Russians Gaining Ground.

LONDON, Dec. 26, 6.35 p.m.
A message from Amsterdam says that to-night's Berlin communiqué makes an important admission. It says:—We have ceased our attacks at Bzura, and the other passages indicate that the Russians are taking the ground.

THE FIGHTING IN GALICIA.

LONDON, Dec. 27.
A telegram from Amsterdam says that an Austrian communiqué states that the Russians in Galicia have continued the offensive which they recently began, and have re-captured, with superior forces, Krosnoleslo. The Austrians re-captured the Ilok Pass after four days' fighting. The situation in the Balkans is quiet.

THE AIRSHIPS IN ACTION.

German Dirigible Drops Bombs At Nancy.

Allies Bomb Aviation Sheds.

LONDON, Dec. 27, 5.50 p.m.
A Communiqué says a German dirigible dropped ten bombs on Nancy, in the middle of the town, without there being any military grounds for doing so. Our aeroplanes, on the contrary, bombed aviation sheds at Frescati and one of the stations at Metz where movements of trains had been reported. Also on the barracks at St. Privat.

At Metz our troops made further progress in Upper Alsace on the heights which dominate Cernay and repulsed several attacks in this region. A dirigible dropped ten bombs between St. Privat and Metz.

AN EGYPTIAN GIFT.

A hospital train has been placed at the disposal of the military authorities in Egypt through the generosity of the Egyptian Red Crescent Society, which contributed \$1,000 to this end.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

ALBANIA.

LONDON, Dec. 28.
The Bersaglieri regiment lands at Valona tomorrow to replace the blue-jackets.

CHINESE WOMAN BEFORE THE MAGISTRATE.

Before Mr. Wood at the Magistracy this afternoon, a Chinese woman, named Chun Fung Kam, was charged with the theft of an iron bedstead, a mattress, several articles of clothing and \$230 in money, the total value amounting to \$470.

Mr. Dixon, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Girdle, prosecuted, and defendant was unrepresented.

Wong (Chin), the master of a trading junk plying between Hongkong and Tai Ping, said the woman had lived with him at 17, Pokfulam Road, 1, Centre Street, and at a dwelling above the Man Fuk Lei, Queen's Road West. He had given her jewellery to the value of about \$200. On December 18th he collected \$230, put it in a box and sent it home by a coolie. He left Hongkong on the following day. The woman was in the house at Pokfulam Road when he left and the money was in the box in charge of the defendant. He told defendant that he had the money. On returning to the house on December 23, he noticed that the bedstead, mattress, the box containing the money and clothing and the defendant had all gone.

In a statement, defendant admitted taking everything, except the money.

The defendant said she had taken the things as Wong had not given her money with which to purchase food, and she had also paid the rent. The \$230 she did not have. The jewellery was taken away by Wong's wife, who took the luggage from her (accused's) wrists by force, and went to Macao.

Mr. Wood said he thought the room had been furnished for defendant and she might have had a very hazy idea of what were her rights in the matter. He did not believe the story of the \$230, and thought justice would be met if he discharged the woman and made an order for the return of the goods to the complainant.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

Corps Orders by Lieut.-Col. A. Chapman, V.D.

REINSTATEMENT.

Gunner C. F. Young is permitted to resign dated 24.12.14.

TAO ORDERLY SERGEANT is to see that a list of the names of the N.C.O. and men on duty is placed in the Orderly Room each day.

PARADES.

Parades for Tuesday 29th instant.
5.00 p.m. Musketry Instruction on Kennedy Road. Range for the following: Recruits—Scouts Company—Ptes. N. J. Austin, D. C. Boddie, A. J. Denney, C. Edgumbe, J. Gibb, R. Kennedy (No. 1569) R. T. Davison, A. Keith and C. Woodhead. Sgt. Major Colley D.O.L.I. will attend.

6.15 p.m. Nos. 1 and 2 Sections Artillery and Left Section M. G. Co. 10 pdr. drill at Headquarters.

Remainder, Musketry and Bayonet Exercises under Co. Officers.

DETAIL.

Orderly Officer, Lieut. Danby.
Orderly Sergeant, Corp. E. H. Reed.
To furnish Guard to-night, Scouts Company.

To furnish Guard to-morrow, No. 2 Section Artillery.

The death occurred on the 23rd inst. of Mr. E. H. de St. Croix at his residence, 35 Sinza Road, Shanghai. His death was sudden, occurring after only two days' illness. Mr. St. Croix was the son of a former Deputy Commissioner of Customs, and joined the Service at Shanghai in 1891. He had been stationed at various places, principally in South China, and eventually was appointed as first Assistant at Shanghai, where he has served for a number of years, becoming very well-known and esteemed. Quite recently he returned from home leave and resumed his duties, apparently in excellent health. The deceased, who was 41 years of age, leaves a widow and one son.

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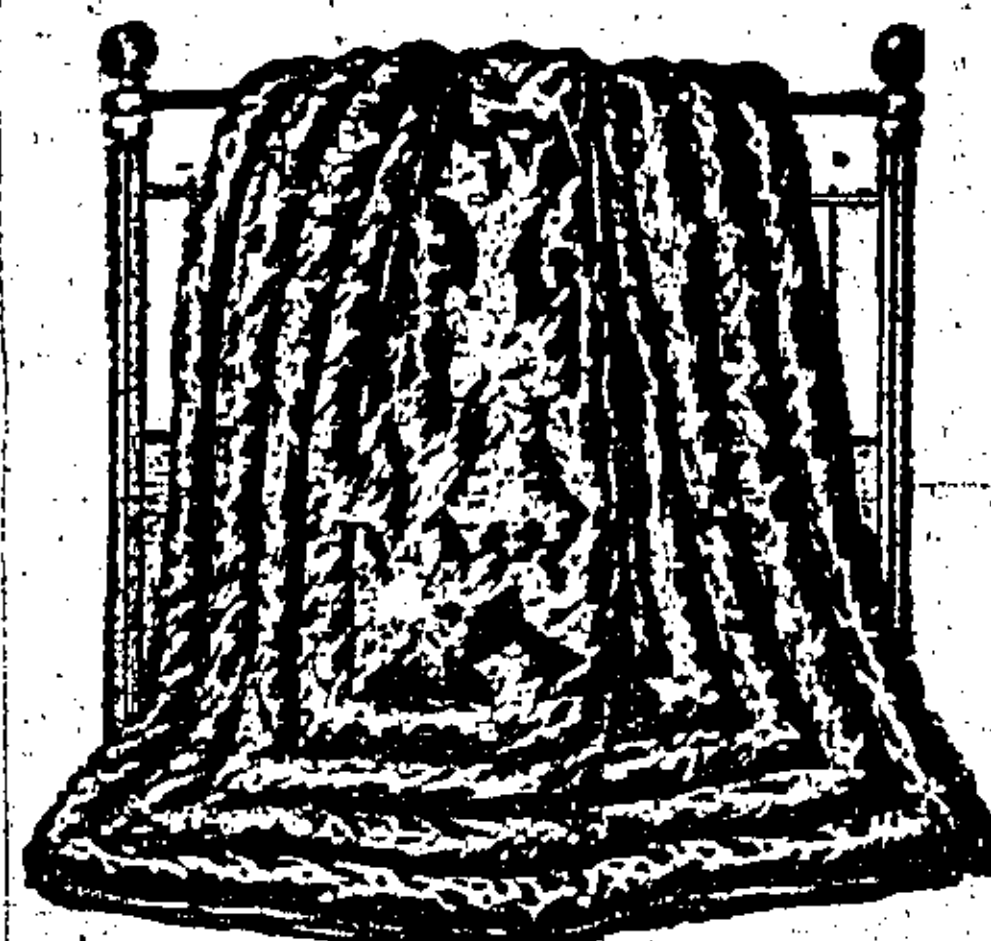
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